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SUBJECT: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 4 -

ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A DRAFT DECISION HAS BEEN
INFORMALLY CIRCULATING FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS:

BEGIN TEXT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

(1) RECALLING RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL AND THOSE OF ITS AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, TO
CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY,
ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN CLOSE CON-
SULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE PLO, THE REPRESENTA-
TIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING
THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

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(2) REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY
STEPS, IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ECWA, OTHER RELEVANT
UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PLO,
WITH THE AIM OF WORKING OUT AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME
OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

(3) REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATOR TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS 26TH SESSION ON THE ACTION TAKEN AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED. END TEXT.

2. CAREFUL COORDINATION BY THE SECRETARIAT INFORMALLY SUPPORTED BY US, RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT AMONG UNDP, THE PLO AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TO PREVENT THE DRAFT FROM FORMAL INTRODUCTION, WITH THE QUID PRO QUO BEING TWO SHORT STATEMENTS BY JORDAN AND KUWAIT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE NEED FOR UNDP TO ASSIST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN (BURUNDI) PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY, FOLLOWED BY AN ACCURATE RENDITION OF THE INTERVENTIONS IN THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. JORDANIAN BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY VOICING SUPPORT TO THE AFRICAN NLMS, ESPECIALLY FOR ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. TURNING TO THE PLO, HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF PLO STATUS AFFORDED BY UNIDO, UNESCO AND OTHER UN AGENCIES, HE FELT SIMILAR TREATMENT BY UNDP WAS WARRANTED. IN HIS DELEGATION'S VIEW, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RETAIN CONTROL OVER THE OCCUPIED AREAS AND DEPRIVE THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF THEIR HOME. PRESENCE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE STABILITY OF THE AREA. THEREFORE, IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HE HOPED UNDP WOULD PROVIDE THEM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

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4. KUWAIT OFFERED FULL SUPPORT TO JORDANIAN STATEMENT, NOTING THAT SOME PEOPLE SUFFER UNDER COLONIALISM OR ARE DEPRIVED OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS. RECALLING THE PERTINENT UNGA RESOLUTION, HE SAID UNDP SHOULD SHOULDER ITS SHARE AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE THE PLO. IN CLOSING, HE CALLED FOR UNDP TO REPORT ON ITS ACTIVITIES AT THE 26TH GOVERNING COUNCIL AND SAID HE WANTED ASSURANCES THAT THESE IDEAS WOULD BE FULLY REFLECTED IN THE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

5. JORDAN AND KUWAIT WERE SUPPORTED BY PAKISTAN, TUNISIA, USSR, SENEGAL, CONGO, ROMANIA, CUBA AND CHINA IN BRIEF STATEMENTS. MADAGASCAR MADE CLEAREST COMPARISON OF PLO TO OTHER NLMS WHICH, AS IN UNIDO, SHOULD RECEIVE ASSISTANCE. THESE INTERVENTIONS WERE NOT PART OF THE DEAL.

6. ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE MADE SHORT, BUT STRONG REPLY IN THE STANDARD LANGUAGE WHICH THE PLO DISMISSED OUT OF HAND IN A CLOSING REJOINDER.

7. IN HIS SUMMARY ON ITEM 4 (REPORT TO FOLLOW)

ADMINISTRATOR MORSE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED UNDP'S ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE PALESTINIANS. SINCE NOVEMBER 1976 UNDP HAS BEEN COOPERATING WITH THE PALESTINIAN FUND ON TWO PROJECTS--DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AND RESEARCHING AND INVENTORYING THE PALESTINIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE; LATTER WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY UNESCO. HE STATED UNDP WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE PLO TO IDENTIFY THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, WITHIN THE PAST MONTH THE REGIONAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR HAD WRITTEN THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO ECWA AND UNDP NEW YORK ALSO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE

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PLO REGARDING UNDP INTEREST IN AND READINESS TO EXPLORE COOPERATION AND IDEAS ON PROJECTS. IN CLOSING, HE STATED: "WE SHALL CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS WITHIN THE MANDATE AVAILABLE TO US."

8. PLO DELEGATE REPORTEDLY WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE END RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION AND WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF MORSE'S STATEMENT.

9. USDEL EXPECTS TO RECEIVE ADVANCE COPY OF THE SUMMARY RECORD FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT. SORENSEN

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